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WHITE HOUSE PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY ROGERS IN
SAN CLEMENTE

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE PHNOM PENH FROM VIENTIANE APR 3

QUOTE

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E. O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OREP (BROOKE, EDWARD) (HAND, STEPHEN B.)

ROSSITER, WILLIAM D.)

SUBJECT: CODEL BROOKE

REF: (A) STATE 060314

(B) STATE 060313

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REFTELS, EMBOFF, ON
AFTERNOON APRIL 3, CALLED ON DRV SECOND SECRETARY/ CONSUL
NGUYEN QUANG TUNG BY APPOINTMENT TO INITIATE REQUEST FOR
CODEL BROOKE VISAS. TUNG CONSIDERED PROCEDURES IRREGULAR,
AS VISA REQUESTS ARE USUALLY INITIATED THROUGH DRV DELEGATION
IN PARIS OR DIRECTLY WITH HANOI. AFTER SHORT DISCUSSION
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OF SENATOR BROOKE'S BACKGROUND AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, TUNG AGREED TO COMMUNICATE WITH HANOI ON CODEL'S BEHALF, PROVIDED HE RECEIVED CHARGE'S CONCURRENCE.

2. TUNG WILL CONTACT EMBASSY MORNING APRIL 4 TO REPORT ACTION TAKEN. TUNG'S RESPONSE UNDERSCORES FACT THAT ISSUANCE OF VISAS BY DRV IS UNCERTAIN. WE NOTE THAT DRV EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY ISSUED VISA TO ANY AMERICAN IN CASE WHERE APPLICATION INITIATED LOCALLY.

3. WE HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS FOR SENATOR BROOKE AND STAFF MEMBERS HAND AND ROSSITER FOR APRIL 7 AEROFLOT FLIGHT TO HANOI.
DEAN
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OR A 'SNUB' DID NOT THEREFORE ARISE.

"THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT WHILE THE PRIME MINISTER HAS NOT SOUGHT AN INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON HE HOPED TO HAVE DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT NIXON AND OTHER AMERICAN LEADERS LATER IN THE YEAR."

4. SPECULATION IN PRESS CONTINUES DESPITE ABOVE STATEMENTS. IN TWO SEPARATE ARTICLES ON SUBJECT APPEARING IN SYDNEY MORNING HERALD AND AUSTRALIAN AGE OF MARCH 31, ROY MACARTNEY MENTIONS THREE MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS ABOUT RENEWED BOMBING WHICH HE REPORTS ANGERED WASHINGTON IN JANUARY, AND ALSO INDICATES WASHINGTON IS CONCERNED OVER APPARENT "LEAKS" FROM AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ON SUBJECT. IN BOTH STORIES MCARTNEY STATES TWO "LEAKS" ARE CAUSING IRRITATION. HE STATES THESE ARE THE INFORMATION THAT THERE WAS A STRONG U. S. PROTEST TO MR. WHITLAM OVER THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTERS' PERSONAL ATTACKS ON MR. NIXON AND THAT IT WAS LEAKED TO THE PRESS IN CANBERRA THAT DR. KISSINGER HAD TOLD THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT THE PRESIDENT DISDAINED" TO REPLY TO MR. WHITLAM'S BOMBING PROTEST. MCARTNEY ENDS HIS ARTICLES WITH THE SENTENCE, "WASHINGTON IS NOT EXACTLY A TIGHT-LIPPED TOWN BUT ITS OFFICIALDOM FEELS CANBERRA IS LEAKING LIKE THE PROBIAL SIEVE."
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